Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There is only one Medical Inspectress for the whole State.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What action do the Government take on the review of the C. M. O? Here it is stated that they do not submit reports to the Government but the Government receives a review from the C. M. O. Do they take any action on the review submitted by him or do they simply record them?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Necessary action is taken after the students are examined by the medical officers. That is what is necessary and that is being done.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is the nature of the action taken?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Treatment. Those who are suffering from any disease are treated under the different doctors.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Was there any complaint from the students or their guardians that the cards given to the students regarding their disease are not handed over to the guardians for proper treatment?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Not that I am aware of.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Are these students treated in the school?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Their parents are advised.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—So Government are not sure whether they are treated?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government are sure.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Do the Government find this system useful?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—To some extent.

Mr. A. Sakara Poduval.—Do the treatment do them any good?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are hundreds of boys who are being treated.

Cashew-nut cultivation in the State.

508. Mr. A. I. Mani.—(a) What is the area under cashew-nut cultivation in the State;

(b) does the Government realise that this industry is becoming a very important concern from an industrial point of view;

(c) if so, what steps they have taken to foster and develop this industry?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No information is available.

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(b) and (c) Government do not consider that this industry is so important as to call for any specific action on their part at present.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Will the Government be pleased to ascertain the nature of the cultivation in the proposed economic survey?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Would it not be wise and prudent to anticipate future demands?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Enquiries are being made.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Are the Government aware that large consignments have been sent to Germany and America?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have no information.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire about these?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Enquiries will be made.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Do the Government know that it is a growing cottage industry which will provide for many in the rural parts?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is an industry, not an important one.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Without collecting statistics how did the Government come to know that it is not an important industry?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is the opinion of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can the Government kindly collect the statistics even before the economic survey is instituted, since that seems to be a sort of shelving the issues here?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I will try to get the information.

Construction of bridge over Veliyathaparamba.

509. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether contract was given for the construction of a bridge over Veliyathaparamba canal in Nayarambalam;

(2) whether the work of the bridge has been stopped;

(3) if so, by whom was the work stopped;

(4) why was the work stopped;

(5) are the Government aware of the great inconvenience of the public owing to the absence of such a bridge;

(6) will the work be carried out this year itself?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes, temporarily.

(3) By the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

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